

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, August 16, 2010, 4:30pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Karen Springer, Patrick Flannelly, John MacDonald, Richard Shockley and Attorney Andy Gutwein. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, Cheryl Kolb and Dan Dunten represented the department. Present from the City was Council President Ann Hunt and Clerk-Treasurer Judy Rhodes. Absent from the meeting were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Karen convened the Board at 4:32 pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the August 16, 2010 meeting. Richard motioned to approve the minutes. Patrick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Joe brought to everyone's attention that Mary Nauman had offered her resignation from serving on the Park Board due to work and personal conflicts with her time. He noted any nominations someone might have would be welcomed.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The Men's Softball League ended last Monday, with Double Play winning the tournament.
- The Coed Softball League is still going on. The final tournament game will be this Wednesday evening. We had five divisions for the coed league tournament.
- The 16th annual Global Fest will be held on Saturday, September 4, at Morton. The Naturalization Ceremony will kick off the festivities. It will be held on Friday, at 4:00pm. Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen will oversee the proceedings and Ann Broten (affiliated with the Space Camp for Purdue) will be the speaker. We have nine commercial vendors for the International Market Place, eleven food vendors, fifteen cultural booths, and eight demonstration booths. Entertainment will be on two stages, beginning at 11:00am and going until 9:00pm. The Mayor has raised \$18,075.00 to date for Global Fest.
- Distributed a copy of the 2010 final pool report.
- Entered the Fall Brochure information into the web page.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections presented.
- Bulk of the 7/17/10 storm damage cleaned up.
- Completed work for the Village Fitness Trail in preparation for the 08/11/10 dedication.
- The maintenance trailer, located near the maintenance barn, was re-roofed.
- Shut down the pool for the season.
- Routine grounds maintenance.
- Continued work on equipment.
- Getting ready for Global Fest.
- Rink: U-bends are back together and working on taking pressure.

- Excavation for the additional parking spots at Lilly Nature Center begins tomorrow. Pending weather, the pouring of concrete will be next Wednesday.

Karen inquired about the status of the rink repairs. Joe responded with an update on the work currently being done.

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- The Municipal pool closed Sunday, August 15 with a final attendance figure of 29,813.
- Summer programs are nearly complete.
- The Fall brochure was delivered to the office today. The brochure contains programs that will continue through December. Mail-in registrations will begin immediately. All other forms of registrations will be accepted on September 8.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- Attended Alcoa's Health Fair on August 4, noting there were a number of visitors to Morton's booth.
- Will attend the Purdue Graduate Student Fair this Friday, August 20, to promote Morton's classes.
- Will attend the Farmers Market on August 25 to promote our programs. Glenn Chang, our digital photography instructor, will be there as well from 3:00-5:00pm. K.Graehme Hall will be there from 4:00-4:30p to do some line dancing demonstrations. Morton's Invitational Troupe will be performing some dance numbers from 5:00-5:30p and will teach any interested children some dance moves. Paula Woods is volunteering some time to assist that day.
- Area IV Council on Aging and Community Services will be hosting their 5th Annual Senior Art Contest at Morton Community Center. Senior artwork will be displayed in Room 106 from September 10-October 7.
- WALLA will be holding a Political Forum along with the League of Women Voters on Wednesday, September 15.

Old Business

Budget

Joe reported the budget forms have been completed, with no significant changes from what was originally proposed and presented to the Council. Everything is moving along through the process for approval. Joe mentioned Jim Treat's presentation as being helpful and said that he would be willing to come back and discuss further once we know the impact of what the Circuit Breaker will have on the budget in general.

Joe also noted that he is putting together the draft of a Master Plan, which discusses the funding situation, and is hopeful it will help make things a little more clear. A copy will be provided to everyone for comment.

Ann reported the final budget is slated for September 7.

Tapawingo Park Events

Joe reported on the current plan of events for the Caterpillar/ABB Special Event for this coming Thursday, August 19, noting we received a couple of changes from them, have received payment, certificate of insurance, etc. They intend on having security

throughout the night and will complete the teardown of the tent, etc. the following morning.

Patrick asked how the National Wildlife event at Tapawingo Park went. Joe responded with what he witnessed while in the area for approximately 30 minutes, noting it looked like the event was successful.

New Business

Personnel Update

Joe informed the board of Tommy Pridemore's resignation, noting he has given a two-week notice to end his employment.

Joe presented some background information for Brad Walker, regarding his past and current employment with us. Joe requested approval to hire him as a full-time employee, replacing Tommy Pridemore. Patrick motioned to approve the hiring of William "Brad" Walker as a full-time employee. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- The Happy Hollow Remodeling Project is complete with a dedication of the new LGI room and expanded cafeteria, which took place last Wednesday. The event also recognized the 2010 teacher retirees and welcomed the new Happy Hollow Principal, Margaret Xioufaridou.
- Today was the first day of school for teachers, with students returning tomorrow.

Wabash River

Richard noted he was unable to attend the last Wabash River Enhancement Corporation meeting, but followed up with some other members, noting there was nothing significant to report. The next scheduled meeting is September 24 at 8:00am, its normal time and place.

Joe added the only other related Wabash River Corridor information is that we hope to have the payment for our portion of the Wabash Heritage Trail extension approved at the Redevelopment Commission meeting at 8:30am tomorrow morning, noting the check would be sent to INDOT later in the week. Once they receive the money, they will set the pre-construction meeting soon thereafter.

Other

Request for Petty Cash-Cash/Change Funds for Global Fest

Pennie requested to establish a Petty Cash Fund for \$200.00 and a Cash/Change Fund for \$500.00 for the 2010 Global Fest being held on Saturday, September 4. Both funds will revert back no later than November 30, 2010. Richard motioned to approve the request to establish the Petty Cash and Cash/Change Funds for Global Fest 2010 as presented. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Tommy Johnston Park

Joe gave a follow-up regarding the potential relocation of Tommy Johnston Park.

Pay Claims

Richard motioned for claims to be paid. Patrick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes requested we return to “**Other**” so that she could discuss the NRO Fund. Judy distributed a report for the NRO Fund and explained the miscellaneous information shown on the report.

Karen noted the next Park Board meeting will be September 20, 4:30pm, at City Hall.

Adjourn

Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary